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PATENT APPLICATION

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In response to a non-final office action mailed on 05-07-2008 (Part of Paper No./Mail Date 20080414) regarding the above-identified U.S. utility patent application, the Applicant respectfully submits the following amendment/response that is being filed within four (4) months of the mailing date thereof.

The Applicant is also submitting herewith a petition for extension of time (1 month) under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) along with payment of the appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3).

With the petition for extension of time (1 month), the due date for responding to the final office action falls on Sunday, 09-07-2008, and the Applicant respectfully believes that this amendment/response being filed on the immediately following business day, namely, Monday, 09-08-2008, is timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.7.